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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 107 OF 3 APRIL 1974

MY TELNO 103 PARA 3. UK/IRAQ RELATIONS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MFA TRANSLATION OF PROPOSED STATEMENT
ON RESUMPTION.

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"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMON DESIRE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF IRAQ AND BRITAIN TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND IN ORDER
TO CONSOLIDATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN THEM, A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE BRITISH
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AMBASSADOR LEVEL WITH EFFECT FROM AND TO
CONSOLIDATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

[now to 9 Apr]

UNTIL AMBASSADORS ARE APPOINTED, THE HEADS OF
THE INTERESTS SECTIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL
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UK/IRAQI RELATIONS

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Rej. Have we a file to do with
DIP Relation with Iraq?
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Flag A The Iraqis have proposed via their Chargé d'Affaires in Paris that a delegation led by a Minister should visit Baghdad to discuss the resumption of diplomatic relations. They have also asked that the delegation should include "economists" authorised to negotiate an agreement on the lines of the recent Iraqi/Japanese agreement. In parallel the French Foreign Minister was told by Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, during his current visit to Baghdad, that it was important that diplomatic relations with HMG should be established in the near future. How should we respond?

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Background

2. The Iraqi Government broke diplomatic relations with us in December 1971 on the grounds that HMG had been guilty of "collusion" with Iran in the seizure of the Tunbs and Abu Musa. We have since then retained an Interests Section under the Swedish flag.
3. Commercial and economic relations have continued and the level of our current exports to Iraq stands at about £30 million. Our major interests in Iraq are to develop these commercial relations and in particular to ensure that we continue to receive Iraqi oil (of which there may be considerable unproven reserves).
4. Plans have already been made for a mission under Lord Denman, Chairman of the Council for Middle East Trade (COMET) to visit Baghdad between 22 and 25 February. The mission as at present

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constituted will include Sir Richard Beaumont of the Middle East Association (and a former Ambassador to Iraq) together with one or two other senior industrialists.

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5. The French Ambassador told the Permanent Under-Secretary today that he had received a message from his Foreign Minister in Baghdad to say that Saddam Hussein, the Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, had indicated that Iraq wished to maintain the dialogue between Europe and the Arabs and that he thought it was important that diplomatic relations should be established between London and Baghdad "in the near future".

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Simultaneously, H.M. Ambassador in Paris has reported an approach by the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires to the effect that his Government were interested in discussing a resumption of relations and that they proposed that a delegation headed by a Minister should be sent to Baghdad which would also include economic experts authorised to negotiate an agreement on the contribution of HMG to "basic and vital" development projects on the lines of the agreement between Iraq and Japan.

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6. The agreement signed between the Japanese Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry and his Iraqi opposite number on 17 January is set out in Baghdad telegram No. 18. The agreement provides for a Japanese loan of \$1000 million for use towards petroleum and allied industrial development against the supply of oil and petroleum products.

Argument

7. Since the break in diplomatic relations in 1971, we have consistently taken the view that it was for the Iraqis to make the

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the first move towards a resumption. Even though their present approach contains a request for a ministerial visit (which in present domestic circumstances would clearly be impossible) and proposes the negotiation of a Japanese-type agreement (involving not only a loan but also the type of barter oil deal which we are anxious to avoid at present) I believe that it would be right to respond quickly and positively to what can be presented as an Iraqi request for a resumption.

8. A resumption of relations with Iraq per se should cause us no problems in terms of external relations provided appropriate explanations are given to the Kuwaitis and Iranians in particular (and also of course to the French, the Americans and the Swedes and other interested Arab Governments). Ministers will no doubt wish to consider whether a positive response will cause any problems in domestic politics, but since the Iraqis themselves have taken the initiative, I hope that this need not be the case. I have considered whether it would be advantageous to pre-empt any criticism (or an Iraqi attempt to present our response as an initiative) by leaking the Iraqi approach to the press at this stage. I do not, however, think that this would be wise; it might frustrate the whole exercise and could have precisely the opposite effect to that required, i.e. it could draw public attention to our discussions with the Iraqis before we need to do so.

9. It seems to me that ^{the} COMET mission provides us with an opportunity to make a limited but immediate response to the Iraqis. On the assumption that a ministerial visit is out of the question,

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it would I think be appropriate to send an FCO official to Baghdad at the same time as the COMET Mission, while making it clear that any discussion of inter-Governmental agreements could only follow a resumption of relations. We can decide separately who this official should be, but my present inclination is to suggest either yourself or myself for this task.

Recommendation

10. I therefore recommend that a reply should be returned to the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires in Paris on the lines of the attached draft telegram. Before these instructions are sent I assume that the Secretary of State will wish to consult the Prime Minister and I attach a letter to No. 10 for this purpose.

P.R.H. Wright
Middle East Department

8 February 1974

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RENWICK/CLARK TELECON OF 8 FEBRUARY: UK/IRAQ RELATIONS

1 You should know that we have also been told by the French Embassy of a conversation between Saddam Hussain, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, and M Jobert during which ^{the latter referred to the} ~~Hussain attached~~ importance ^{of} to maintaining the dialogue between Europe and the Arabs and ~~Hussain~~ said in this context that it was important that diplomatic relations should be established between London and Baghdad "in the near future".

2 We do not know the reasons for the Chargé d'Affaires' implied reference to earlier soundings by us on diplomatic relations.

3 For your information, there can be no question of our entering into negotiations on an agreement along the lines of the

of the Japanese/Iraqi agreement (which involved among other things a loan of \$1000 million to Iraq), before the resumption of full diplomatic relations.

4 Please therefore arrange for an oral response to be conveyed to the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires on the following lines.

5 HMG very much welcome the suggestion of the Iraqi Government that discussions should take place with a view to resuming diplomatic relations between our two countries. The suggestion that a Minister should visit Baghdad is much appreciated but the Iraqi Government will no doubt realise that present domestic circumstances in the period leading up to a General Election on 28 February make it impossible for Ministers to consider any visits abroad (for your information a number of Ministerial visits have already been cancelled or postponed.)

6 HMG are, however, ready to open discussions as soon as possible with the Iraqi Government with a view to resuming diplomatic relations, and to prepare the way for future co-operation between our two countries. Bearing in mind the Iraqi Government's interest in discussing economic matters, the opportunity of the forthcoming mission planned for 22 to 25 February and led by Lord Denman, the Chairman of the Council for Middle East Trade, could be taken to explore the lines of future commercial and economic co-operation. HMG further suggest that a senior FCO official should also visit Baghdad at that time, in order to discuss with the appropriate Iraqi authorities the necessary steps towards a resumption of diplomatic relations. HMG would be glad to know whether this proposal is acceptable

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to the Iraqi Government.

5 For your own information, you should know that the COMET mission will also include Sir Richard Beaumont of the Middle East Association and a former British Ambassador in Baghdad.

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Lord Bridges

FROM

Private Secretary
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The Prime Minister will wish to know that we have just received two separate approaches from the Iraqis which in effect amount to a proposal for a resumption of diplomatic relations, which as you will recall were broken by the Iraqis in December 1971.

The first of these approaches is described in the enclosed text of a telegram from Paris; the second consists of an approach to the French Foreign Minister during his current visit to Baghdad and is described in the attached draft reply to Paris.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary attaches importance to an early and positive response to these Iraqi initiatives. We have, as you know, consistently made it clear that we deplore the practice of breaking diplomatic relations and it would be inconsistent with our policy if we were to rebuff these approaches from the Iraqi Government. There are furthermore strong commercial and economic reasons why we would in general welcome a resumption, bearing in mind particularly the estimate that Iraq's unproven resources of oil may well be second only to those of Saudi Arabia in the Arab world.

The terms of the Iraqi approach in Paris are, of course, unacceptable. As you may recall, the agreement reached between the Japanese and the Iraqis

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in January involved a loan of \$1000 million towards petrol and allied industrial development against the supply of oil and petroleum products. Quite apart from the inherent economic and political difficulties of considering a similar agreement for ourselves it would, in the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's view, be quite inappropriate to consider entering into negotiations in advance of a resumption of full diplomatic relations.

At first sight, the timing of a proposed resumption of relations on the eve of a General Election is inconvenient. There are, however, some advantages for us in the timing since it does provide us with an additional reason for turning down the Iraqi suggestion of a ministerial visit without causing undue offence. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary would accordingly like to reply to the approach made by the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires in Paris on the lines set out in the attached draft telegram. Sir Alec would be grateful if you could let us know whether the Prime Minister agrees.

I am sending a copy of this letter with enclosures to Sir John Hunt.

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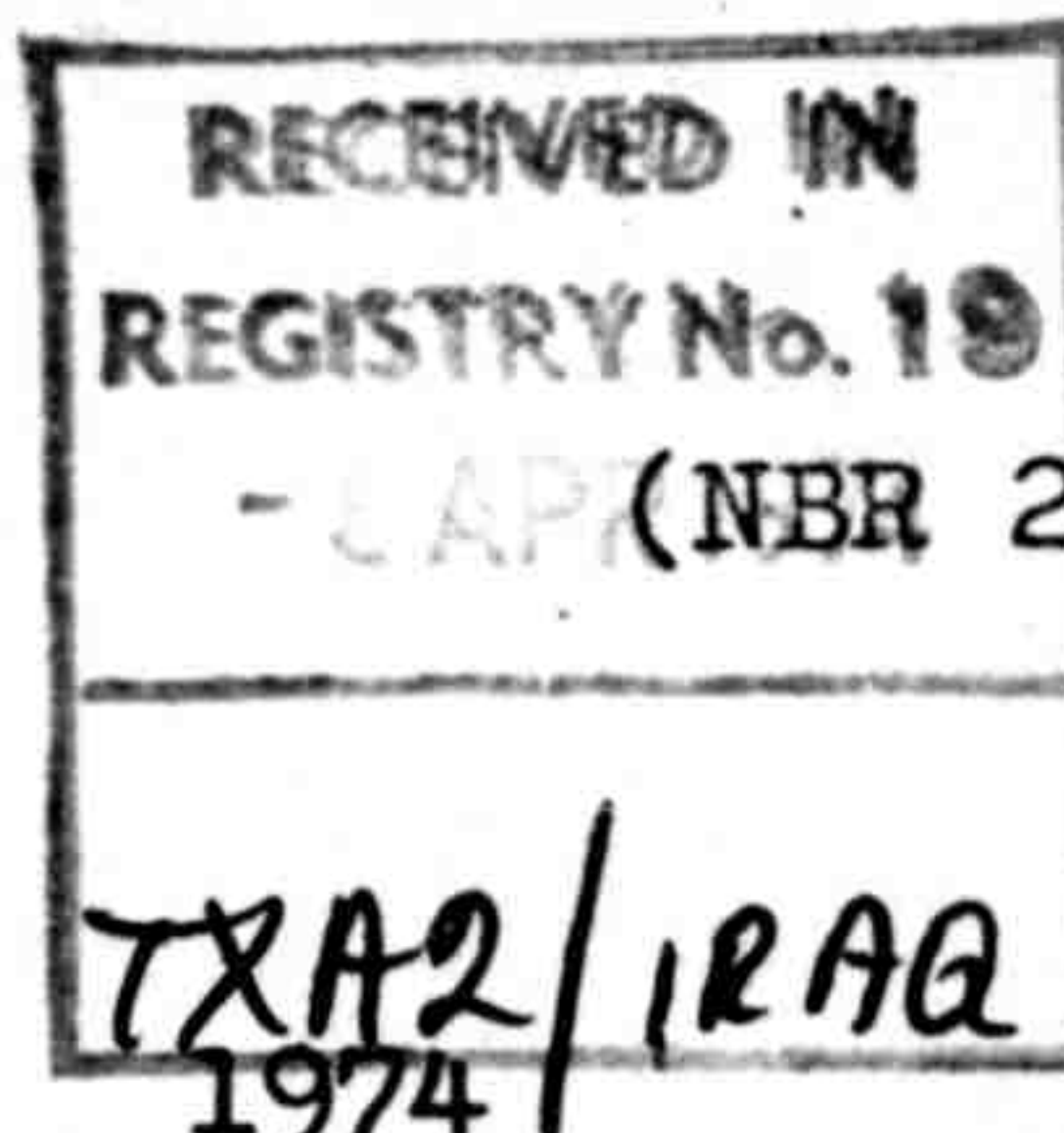
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BAGHDAD CAIRO DAMASCUS BEIRUT TEL-AVIV.

MY TELNO 153 TO PARIS (NOT REPEATED TO DOHA IN ERROR):
UK/IRAQ RELATIONS

1. AT THE INVITATION OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT, SIR DONALD MAITLAND WILL LEAD A SMALL DELEGATION TO BAGHDAD ON 9 APRIL TO NEGOTIATE A RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE IRAQIS HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED A PROPOSED DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WHICH SEEMS UNEXCEPTIONABLE. SUBJECT TO THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN BAGHDAD, THE COMMUNIQUE, ANNOUNCING A RESUMPTION, WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED ON 11 APRIL.
2. ADDRESSEES HAVE DISCRETION TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED IN CONFIDENCE THAT SIR DONALD WILL BE VISITING BAGHDAD AT THE REQUEST OF THE IRAQIS TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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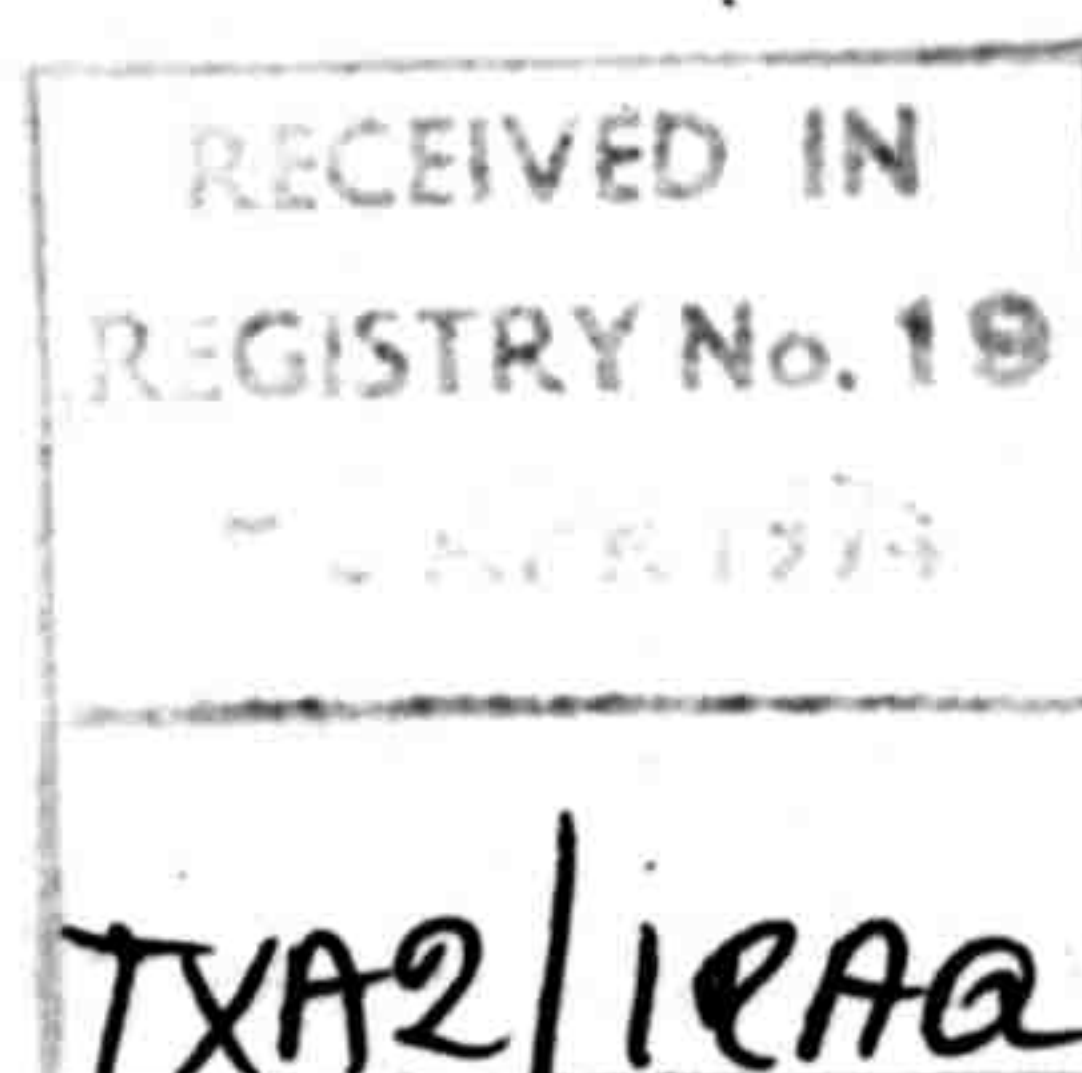
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TO PRIORITY BAGHDAD TELEGRAM NUMBER 59 OF 5 APRIL 1974.

YOUR TELS NOS 103 AND 105/7 : UK/IRAQ RELATIONS.

1. DELEGATION. THE OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING SIR DONALD MAITLAND WILL BE GRAHAM BURTON OF MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT AND STANLEY GARDINER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE.
2. COMMUNIQUE. THE TEXT PROPOSED BY THE IRAQIS IS ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD PREFER TO SEE OMITTED THE WORD "TEMPORARILY" FROM THE LAST LINE. NO OTHER ACTION EXCEPT THE JOINT PUBLICATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE NEED BE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH A RESUMPTION (PARA 1(B) OF YOUR TEL NO 103). YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME CHARGE D D'AFFAIRES.
3. PROGRAMME. WE AGREE THE ARRANGEMENTS SET OUT IN YOUR TEL NO 103. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, ALLOW TIME FOR A COURTESY CALL TO BE PAID ON THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR BEFORE DISCUSSIONS AT THE MFA. SIR D MAITLAND WILL ALSO WISH TO PAY A CALL ON THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, PREFERABLY FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS AND BEFORE LUNCH ON THE SAME MORNING. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ENVISAGE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A RESUMPTION TAKING A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND WOULD NOT WISH TO BE DRAWN INTO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF HMG'S POLICY IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE DELEGATION WILL BE HAPPY TO FALL IN WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS THE IRAQIS MAY HAVE FOR THE AFTERNOON OF THE 10TH. IF A CALL ON A "HIGHER AUTHORITY" IS ARRANGED, EARLY IN THE MORNING OF 11 APRIL WOULD SEEM SUITABLE.
4. SUBJECTS SIR D MAITLAND MAY WISH TO RAISE. WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING THIS MATTER. SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION WITH YOU ON ARRIVAL, SIR DONALD MAY WISH TO RAISE THE PROBLEM OF THE EXPULSION OF THE INDIAN STAFF AND POSSIBLY ELLIS.

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5. SECURITY. BURTON WILL BE CARRYING A CONFIDENTIAL BAG WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE PLACED IN THE CHANCERY OVERNIGHT.

6. PUBLICITY. IF ASKED ABOUT THE PURPOSES OF SIR D MAITLAND'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD, NEWS DEPARTMENT PROPOSE TO TAKE THE LINE THAT HE IS VISITING BAGHDAD FOR DISCUSSIONS ON A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE MFA OF THIS PROPOSED LINE.

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TO PRIORITY STOCKHOLM TELNO 26 OF 8 APRIL ^{L974} INFO BAHRAIN ABU DHABI
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BAGHDAD CAIRO DAMASCUS BEIRUT TEL AVIV AMMAN

MY TELEGRAM NO 60 TO BAHRAIN (NOT TO ALL): UK/IRAQ RELATIONS.

1. SUBJECT TO THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN BAGHDAD BETWEEN
THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES AND THE DELEGATION HEADED BY SIR DONALD
MAITLAND, THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAQ AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE ISSUED
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BAGHDAD AND LONDON AT 1500 GMT ON 10 APRIL.

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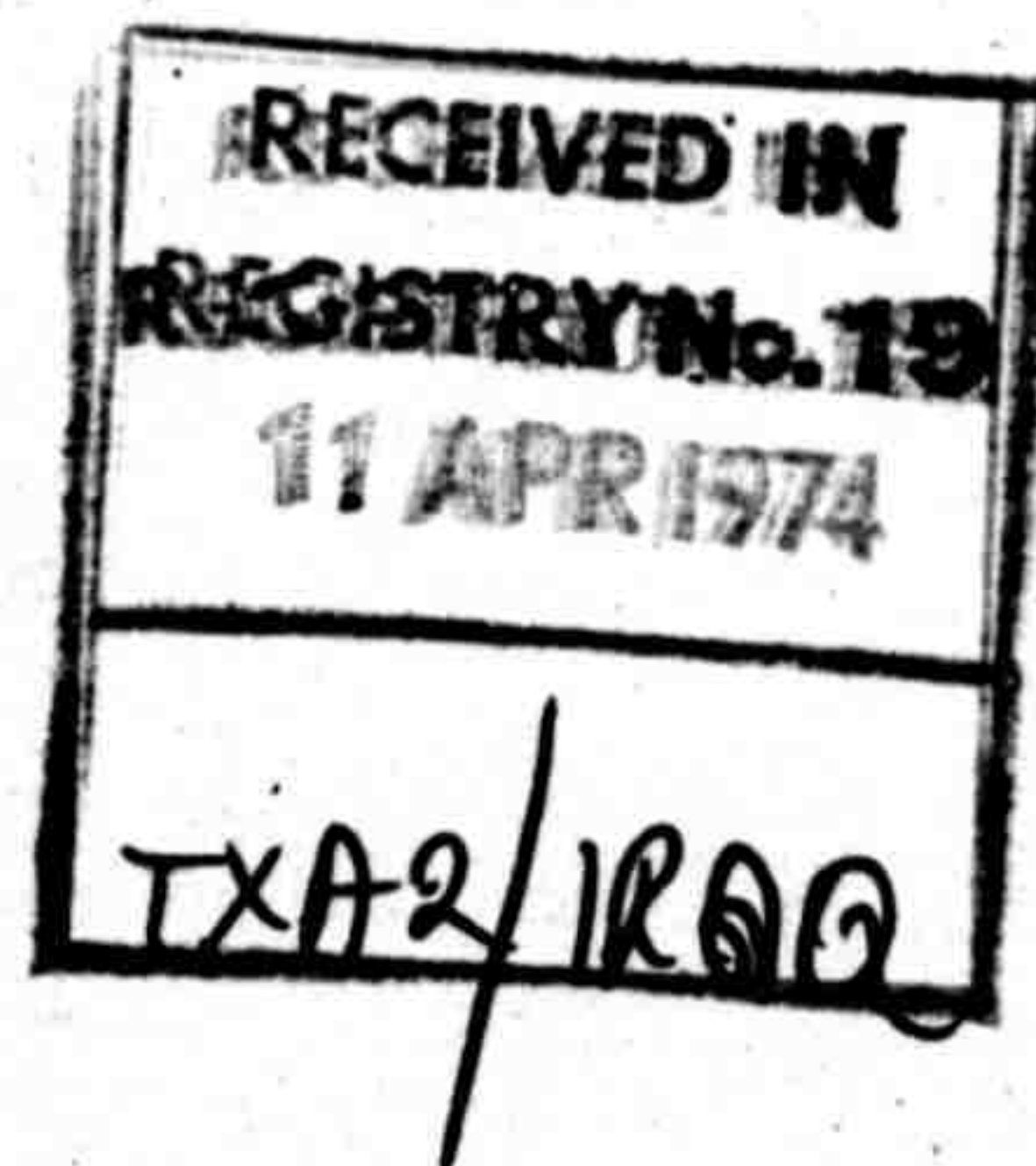
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AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS CONDUCTED BY THE BRITISH DELEGATION WITH THE COMPETENT IRAQI AUTHORITIES, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADOR LEVEL WITH EFFECT FROM 10 APRIL AND TO CONSOLIDATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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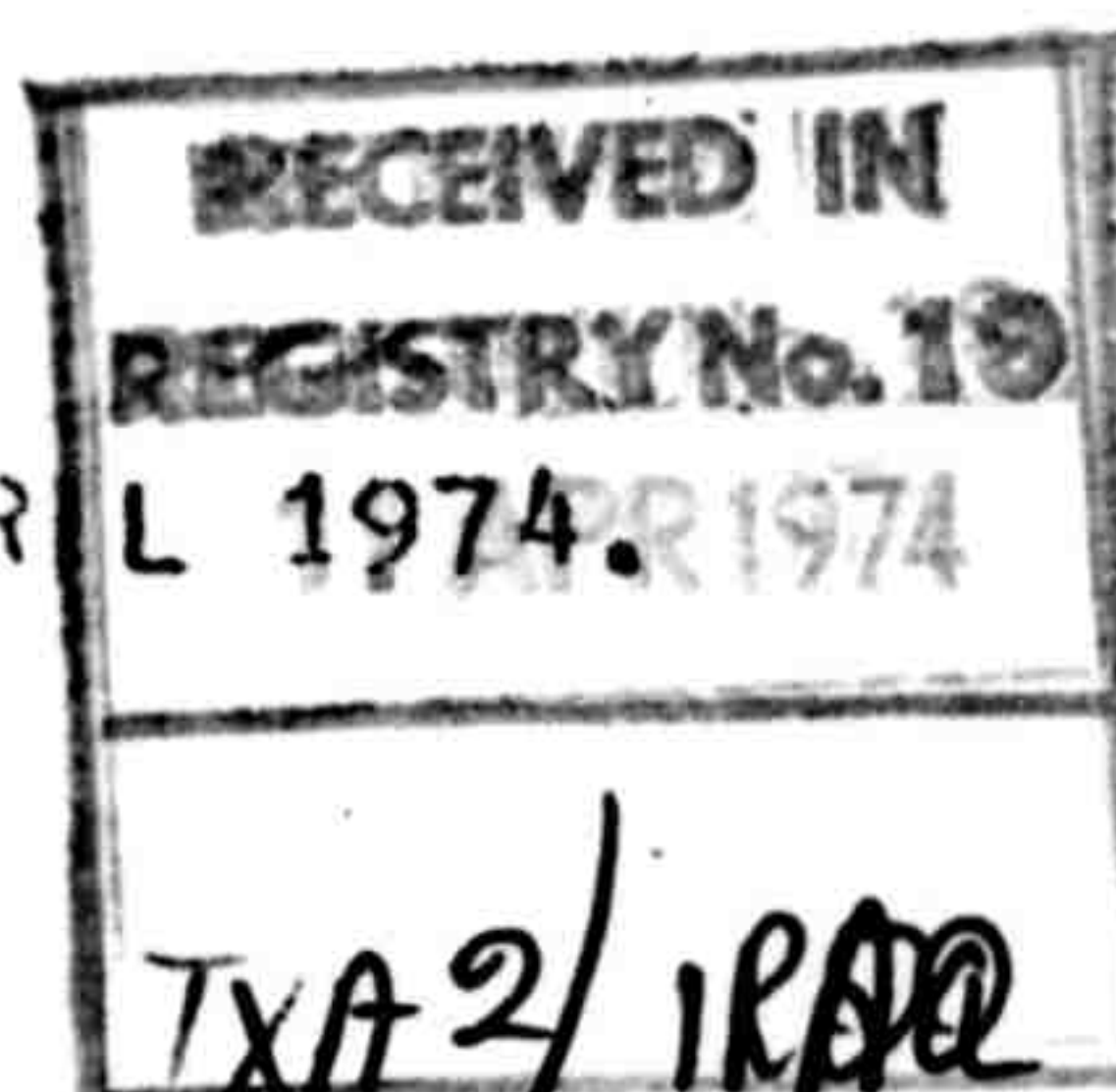
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MR. SAFA SALIH AL-FALAKI

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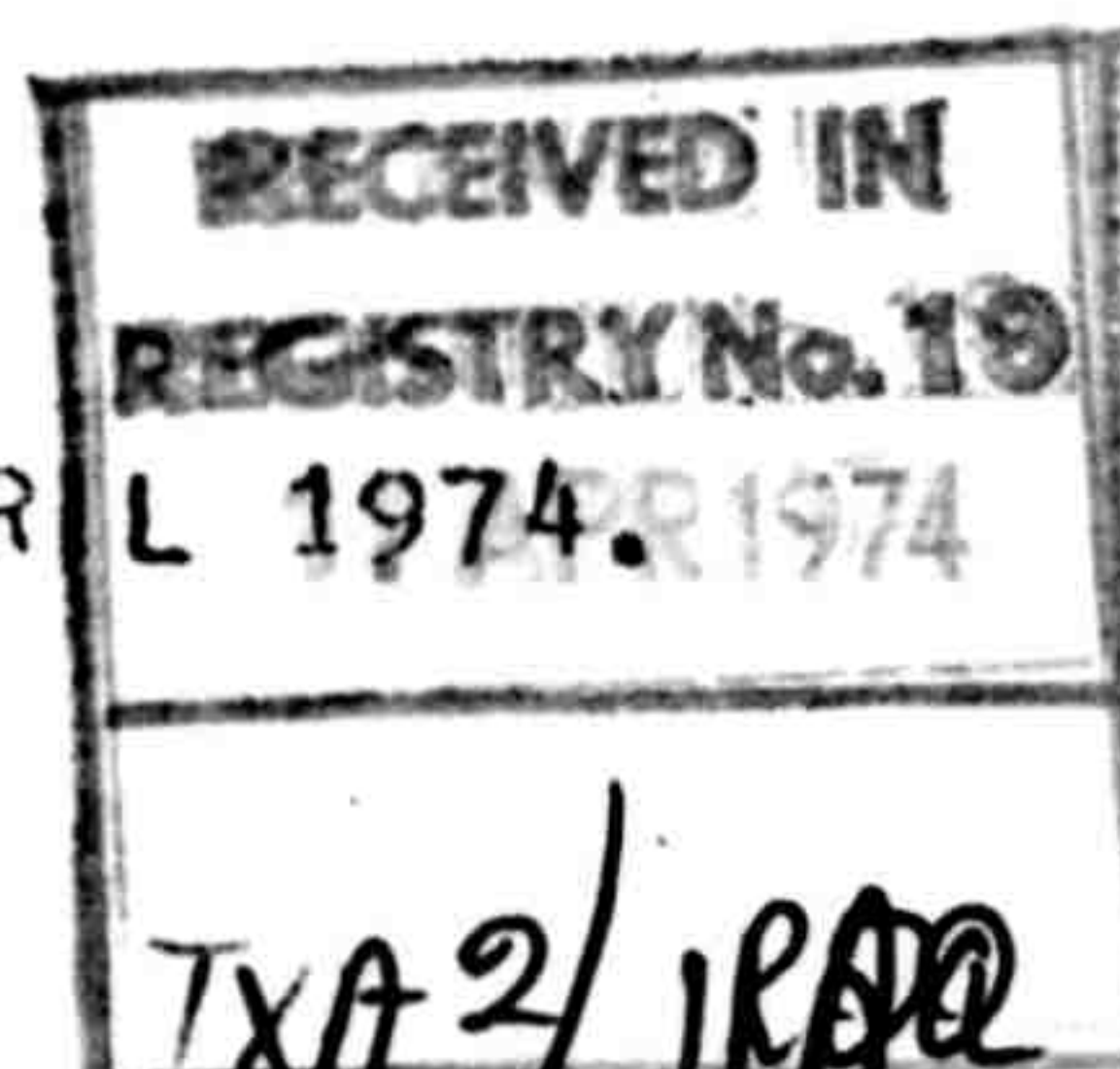
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Resumption of Diplomatic Relations with IraqNOTE FOR THE RECORD

The term "Special Envoy" was reluctantly agreed at the request of the Iraqis although it is not generally acceptable to us.

Protocol and Conference Department have asked that the use of this term in this instance should in no way be considered as a precedent for any future negotiations on resumption of relations with another country.

17 April 1974.

cc. Mr Collins, Protocol and Conference Department.

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The following alteration has been notified to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs:

Diplomatic relations have been resumed with Iraq, wef 10 April 1974. The Iraq interests section has now become "The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq." Mr Safa Al-Falaki is Charge d'Affaires.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

23 April 1974

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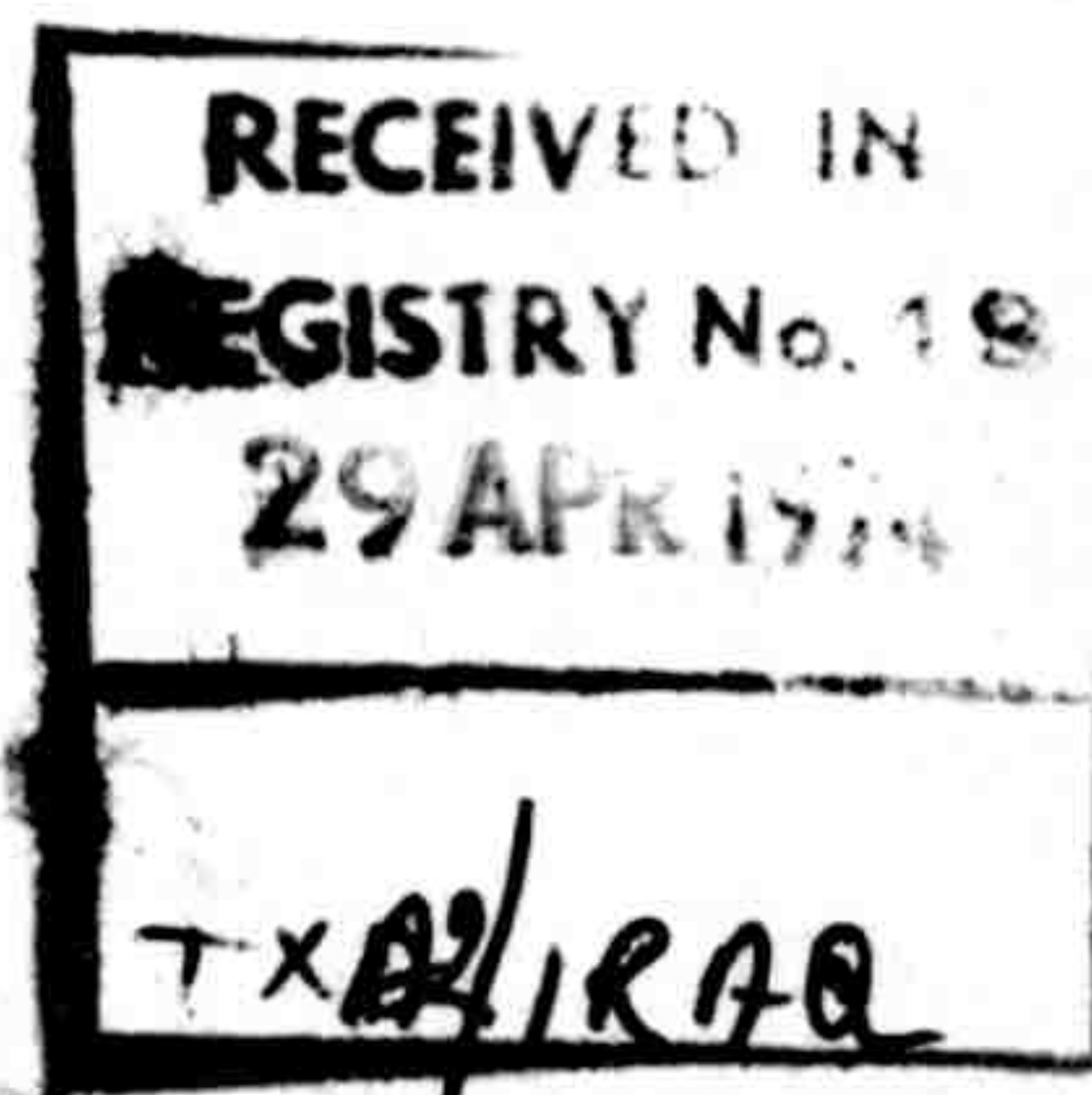
IRAQ

1. The Iraq Chargé d'Affaires paid a courtesy call on me this afternoon. He asked whether I had heard anything about the appointment of a British Ambassador to Baghdad. I said that I had heard nothing. I returned the compliment. He said that he understood that Mr Shebib (?), a former Foreign Minister, had been asked to come to London but had said that he would prefer Rome. The Chargé d'Affaires had seemed primarily concerned with our help in economic development and said that the Iraqis were expecting "a delegation" from British companies.

[Signature]

J N O Curle
Protocol & Conference Department

25 April 1974



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EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

21, QUEEN'S GATE,
LONDON, S.W.7.



The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to inform them that Mr. Safa S. Al-Falaki, Charge d'Affaires, ad interim, has today left London for an official visit abroad.

During his absence, Mr. Isam I. Khalil, Third Secretary, will be in charge of the Mission in the capacity of Charge d'Affaires, ad interim.

The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 30th April 1974

Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London.



Mr. Gellens to see
I explained to the Embassy that this is not strictly correct, and they will bear it in mind for the future. However they expect Mr Al-Falaki back this week. Ann Selbott 13/5.

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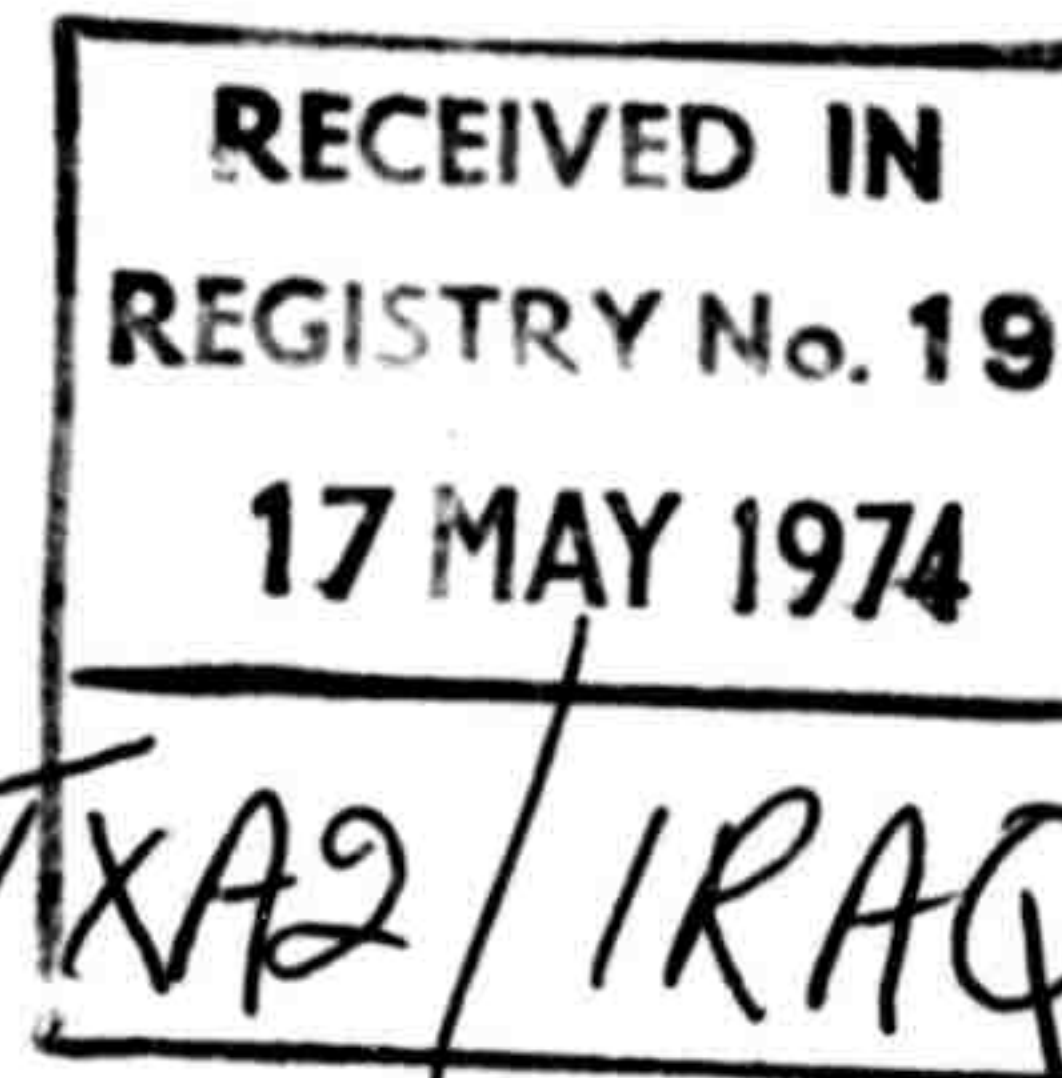
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E. KASPAKOVÁ

EMBASSY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF IRAQ21, QUEEN'S GATE,
LONDON, S.W.7.

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No. 347



The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the Protocol and Conference Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and in connection with its Note dated 30th April 1974, has the honour to inform them that Mr. Safa S. Al-Falaki, Charge d'Affaires, ad interim, has today returned to London and resumed the charge of this Mission.

The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Protocol and Conference Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 16th May 1974

Protocol and Conference Department,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London.



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RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

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like to see this
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Diplomatic relations with Iraq were resumed on 10 April 1974 after a break of over 2 years. During the interim a British Interests Section without political responsibility served in Baghdad under the Swedish flag. A similar Interests Section operated in London for the Iraqis under the Afghan flag.

2. Diplomatic relations were broken off by Iraq on 30 November 1971. Iraq claimed that Britain had, in her withdrawal from the Gulf islands of the Tunbs and Abu Musa, allowed these to fall into non Arab hands. This was seen as part of a wider plot to replace western imperialism in the Arab area with Iranian imperialism. It is probable that contributory factors to the break in diplomatic relations were the expulsion of three UK based staff from the Baghdad Embassy in October 1971 and the continuing dispute with the Iraq Petroleum Company on the matter of royalties and production.

3. Negotiations took place with the Iraqis through the Swedish Embassy on the terms of reference for the British Interests Section. Following the break a UK based staff of up to 13 were allowed to remain in Iraq. A similar number were retained by the Iraqis in London. The Section was empowered to handle Commercial, Consular, Administrative and Cultural work. It had no brief for political observation or reporting. However the Iraqis agreed that full communications facilities could remain and the Swedes did not monitor these or our correspondence except in a general way.

4. The break in diplomatic relations occurred as the dispute between the Iraq Petroleum Company and the Iraq Government reached its height. In broad terms the Iraqis wished the oil companies to increase their production, while they argued that the low price of oil made it uneconomic to export larger quantities and began to reduce the throughput of the Kirkuk-Mediterranean pipeline. The situation of the companies was already unhappy as all but a small fraction of their concession area had been nationalised in 1960 and the companies had refused to pay oil royalties since that time. On 1 June 1972 the Iraq Government nationalised the Iraq Petroleum Company, the main producer of oil in northern Iraq. British personnel in Kirkuk were required to leave and for a time the flow of oil through the northern pipeline ceased.

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The Government did not nationalise the Basrah Petroleum Company operating in the south nor the small Mosul Petroleum Company. Supplies of Iraqi oil from the Mediterranean terminals were discontinued to all except the French shareholders, Compagnie Francaise de Petroles. The loss of revenue from this oil caused hardship in Iraq and resulted in a number of barter deals, oil for goods with Eastern Bloc countries and others. Contacts between the Government and the companies continued during 1972 and early in 1973 a settlement was reached whereby oil supplies were restored to former IPC Shareholders and Iraq began again to earn oil royalties. As part of the settlement the Mosul Petroleum Company was nationalised, without compensation, but this was no great loss as it was becoming technically uneconomic.

5. In late 1973 the American, Dutch and Portugese shares of the Basrah Petroleum Company were nationalised by Iraq during the Middle East hostilities. This further increased Iraq's share in her own oil and the increase in oil prices at the end of 1973 made Iraq a rich country.

6. It had always been Britain's intention to resume diplomatic relations with Iraq at the earliest opportunity provided she made the first move. Attempts were made in 1973 to indicate this to the Iraqis through the French but there was no response at first.

7. In early 1974 following the Eighth Regional Conference of the Baath Party, French Foreign Minister Jobert was told by Vice President Saddam Hussein that Iraq envisaged an early resumption of diplomatic relations with Britain and Germany. This followed a decision of the Conference that Britain's stand on Arab/Israel was neutral so far as the Arabs were concerned, as shown in the 6 November European Declaration. Iraq could therefore justify relations with countries such as Britain and Germany on the grounds of mutual advantage through trade and economic co-operation.

8. Iraq's Chargé d'Affaires in Paris then approached the British Ambassador on 9 February indicating that the Iraqi Government would welcome a ministerial visit to discuss diplomatic relations and future economic co-operation. Thus Iraq had made the move for which we had been waiting and it was for us to respond. The message was repeated by Iraq's UN representative Talib Shabib to Sir Donald Maitland in New York on 14 February. Iraq was ready at any time to receive a British mission to discuss the restoration of diplomatic relations and economic matters.

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9. A problem of responding to the Iraqi approach in February was that our own General Election was due on 28 February. It was not possible to make any decision about a ministerial visit until after the new government had taken office. In the meantime West Germany had been similarly approached and responded quickly. Their delegation headed by Dr Sachs, an Under Secretary, arrived in Baghdad on 25 February. He unexpectedly found that Vice President Saddam Hussein was in Moscow and no decisions could be taken until his return. However, after kicking their heels for three days Saddam returned, and on 28 February diplomatic relations were resumed.

10. On 28 March, a month later, the Secretary of State was able to say he welcomed the prospect of holding talks in Baghdad with a view to resuming diplomatic relations. He proposed that Sir Donald Maitland should undertake such a mission on 9 April. This message was passed to the Iraqi Chargé d'Affaires in Paris on 29 March and two days later I, as Head of the British Interests Section in Baghdad, was called to meet the Under Secretary Shadhil Taqa in Baghdad.

11. Taqa spoke generally of Britain's wise and objective attitude during the Security Council exchanges on the Iraq/Iran border clashes and of the Secretary of State's views on the Middle East as expressed in his House of Commons statement on 19 March. He described the mutual interests of Britain and Iraq. While they needed sophisticated modern technology, Britain needed raw materials and energy resources. He hoped we could gain contracts in Iraq which would help our balance of payments. The time was right for a resumption for which they would not lay down pre-conditions.


12. We quickly agreed a programme for Sir Donald's short visit and the text of a communique (Annex A) to be released on 10 April when relations would be resumed. The only problem as it turned out was the description of Sir Donald. While the Iraqis wished, not un-naturally, to describe him as an Under Secretary to match their own side at the talks, we thought it better to be accurate and call him simply a Special Representative of the British Government. In the event we compromised on Special Envoy.

13. So we proceeded to talks. In a business and cordial atmosphere the Iraqis made clear their main reason for resuming diplomatic relations - they wanted our urgent participation in their development programme. They needed our experience and expertise. They wanted projects executed efficiently, quickly and at reasonable cost; and in that order of priority. Iraq would like to see an economic delegation from Britain as soon as possible to study the possibility of concluding an economic and technical co-operation agreement. Sir Donald took this proposal back to London for urgent consideration.

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14. On the Middle East generally Iraq was reassured by the Secretary of State's statement in the House of Commons on the 19 March and our endorsement to the European statement of 6 November. For our part we expressed the hope that following the resumption ~~resumption~~ of diplomatic relations we could exchange views from time to time on the major issues of common concern. The Iraqis did not demur at this.

15. If we look for reasons why the Iraqi leadership resumed relations with us and the West Germans on economic grounds we see that the East European contribution to the development programme was not producing the right results quickly enough. Moreover the vastly increased funds becoming available for development could not be invested in Iraq's future by the effort of the East Europeans alone. The participation of others is therefore necessary. The Iraqis are in a hurry for they recognise they are being left behind by the Iranians and other Arabs and that expertise and equipment is scarce. Development has stagnated during the oil dispute and the Baath leadership pin the hopes for their own future on a crash programme which will strengthen their position by raising the level of employment by distributing the purchasing power more widely.



I. McCluney
Chargé d'Affaires

Annex A

"With the object of resuming diplomatic relations between the Republic of Iraq and Britain and in order to consolidate economic and technical co-operation between the two countries, a delegation headed by Sir Donald Maitland Special Envoy of the British Government visited the Republic of Iraq from 9 - 11 April.

As a result of the talks conducted by the British delegation with the competent Iraqi authorities, the two Governments agreed to resume diplomatic relations at Ambassador level with effect from 10 April and to consolidate economic and technical co-operation between the two countries.

Until Ambassadors are appointed, the Heads of Interests Sections of the two countries will act as Chargé d'Affaires of their Embassies".

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TO PRIORITY FCO TEL NO 304 OF 26 AUGUST. 1974

NEW IRAQI AMBASSADOR.

1. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROTOCOL INFORMED ME ON 25/8 THAT MR ABDUL MALIK AHMAD AL YASIN HAD BEEN SELECTED AS AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE AT LONDON. HE ASKED THAT AGREEMENT BE GIVEN AS SOON AS CONVENIENT. HE HANDED ME COPY OF MR YASIN'S CURRICULUM VITAE, ESSENTIAL DETAILS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH : TIKRIT, 1923
PERSONAL STATUS : MARRIED

OFFICIAL POSITIONS

14/10/1943 ENTERED SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION CORPS AND PROGRESSED TO RANK OF DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, RASAF. WORKED AS ASSISTANT TO THE CULTURAL ATTACHE IN LONDON, THEN ALGIERS - 1963 - 1965.

3/2/1969: TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS COUNSELLOR.

24/8/1969 : APPOINTED AMBASSADOR IN MFA.

21/2/1970: APPOINTED AS AMBASSADOR AT KABUL UNTIL 29/8/1971.

23/10/1971: APPOINTED AMBASSADOR AT ALGIERS WHERE HE IS STILL SERVING

Noted.

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Mr Weir

Mr Coles

Private Secretary

Mr Gellis
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AGREEMENT FOR THE AMBASSADOR OF IRAQ

Problem

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1 The Government of Iraq have requested that agrément be granted for the appointment of Abdul Malik Ahmad Al Yasin as Iraqi Ambassador in London.

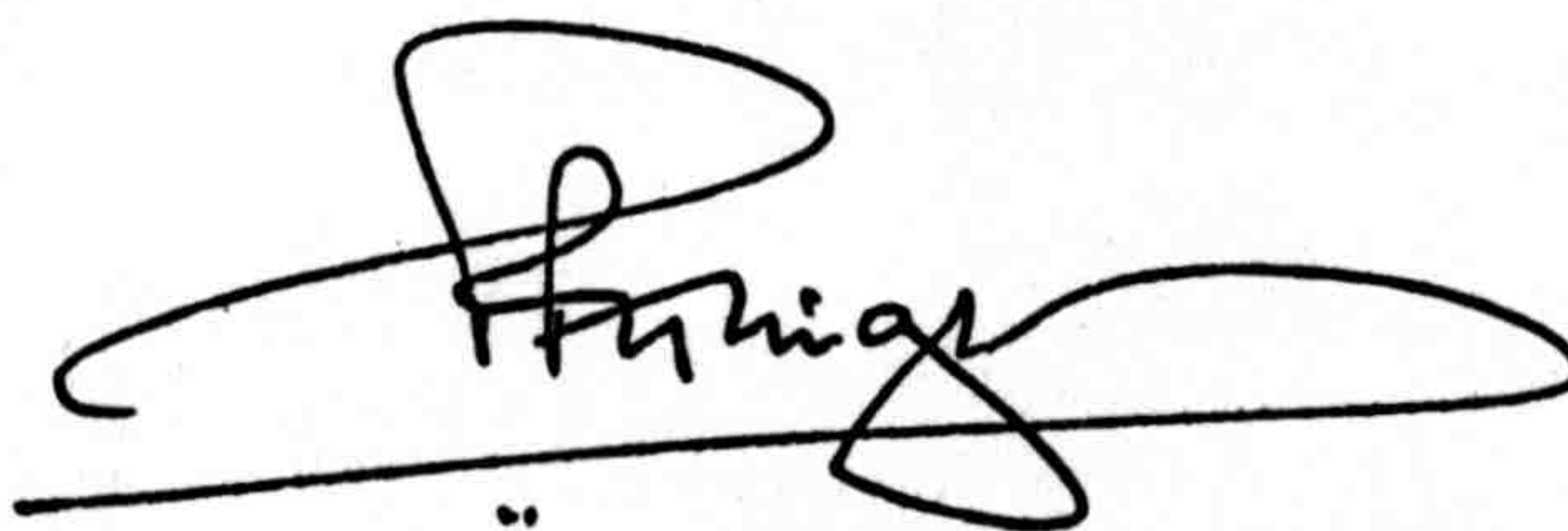
Argument

2 Mr Al Yasin is currently serving as Iraqi Ambassador in Algiers, having previously served as Ambassador in Kabul. He has once before served in London in the mid-sixties, when his main responsibility was looking after Iraqi students and trainees here. Both Mr Al Yasin and his wife are said to have a great liking for the United Kingdom and to visit this country privately whenever they can.

3 Relations with Iraq were resumed in April and have remained correct rather than warm. Mr J A N Graham will take up the post of HM Ambassador to Iraq at the end of September. HM Ambassador at Algiers describes his Iraqi colleague as shrewd, hard working and knowing the local scene "better than most". He in fact rates Mr Yasin high amongst his colleagues; immediately after the Frenchman and the Egyptian. There is no reason why agrément should be refused.

Recommendation

4 I recommend that a formal recommendation should now go forward for agrément. I also recommend that we should seek to obtain agrément before Mr J A N Graham takes up his post as HM Ambassador in Baghdad at the end of September. Accordingly, I submit a draft to the Palace covering a formal submission and a biographical note on Mr Al Yasin.



P R H Wright
Middle East Department

3 September 1974

cc: ☒ Protocol & Conference Department
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London SW1A 2AL

Telephone 01-

Your reference

Our reference

Date 4 September 1974

I McCluney Esq
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Dear Ian,

REQUEST FOR NEW AGREEMENT FOR MR AL YASIN

1. The process of requesting agrément for Mr Abdul Malik Ahmad Al Yasin has been put in train and we hope that this can be obtained before John Graham takes up his post. In the process of consulting Algiers we have noticed a discrepancy as to the spelling of the proposed Ambassador's name. His current colleague in Algiers uses "Al Yassin". Protocol and Conference Department and ourselves are anxious that we should ultimately get the spelling of the Ambassador's name right. I would be grateful therefore if you could, once agrément has been granted, as we clearly can make no approach whatsoever before then, ascertain the correct spelling. At the same time could you also confirm the spelling of his christian names and whether or not he wishes to be known as "Mr Al Yasin" or "Mr Yasin".

2. Perhaps you could let me have a note on this, once we have confirmed that agreement has been granted.

Yours

Peter.
P K Williams
Middle East Department

cc : Mr Cairns. P.C.D.

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Mr. Abdul Malik Ahmad Al Yasin

Born in 1923 at Tikrit, Mr. Al Yasin entered the Education Corps in 1943 rising to the rank of Director of Education. In 1958 he became First Secretary at Khartoum. In 1963 he came to London as the Assistant to the Cultural Attaché and in 1965 took up the same position in Algiers. In 1969 he was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the rank of Counsellor before going as Ambassador to Kabul the following year. In 1971 he was appointed Ambassador at Algiers where he is at present serving.

Mr. Al Yasin is married.



Appd J.R.

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Mr. James Callaghan, with his humble duty to
Your Majesty, has the honour respectfully to submit
for Your Majesty's approval, that Mr. Abdul Malik Ahmad
Al Yasin be received as Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary for the Republic of Iraq at Your
Majesty's Court.

James Callaghan

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
13 September, 1974

*Tel sent to Baghdad.
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(Mr. G.C. Collins)
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IKFMr. Barazani
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The Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq presents his compliments to the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and has the honour to inform him that he has relinquished his appointment in the United Kingdom.

During his absence, Mr. Hareth Al-Barazani will act as Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

The Charge d'Affaires ad interim would like to express his sincere thanks for the friendly co-operation which he has always received from the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs the assurances of his highest consideration.

London 19th Sep 1974

Principal Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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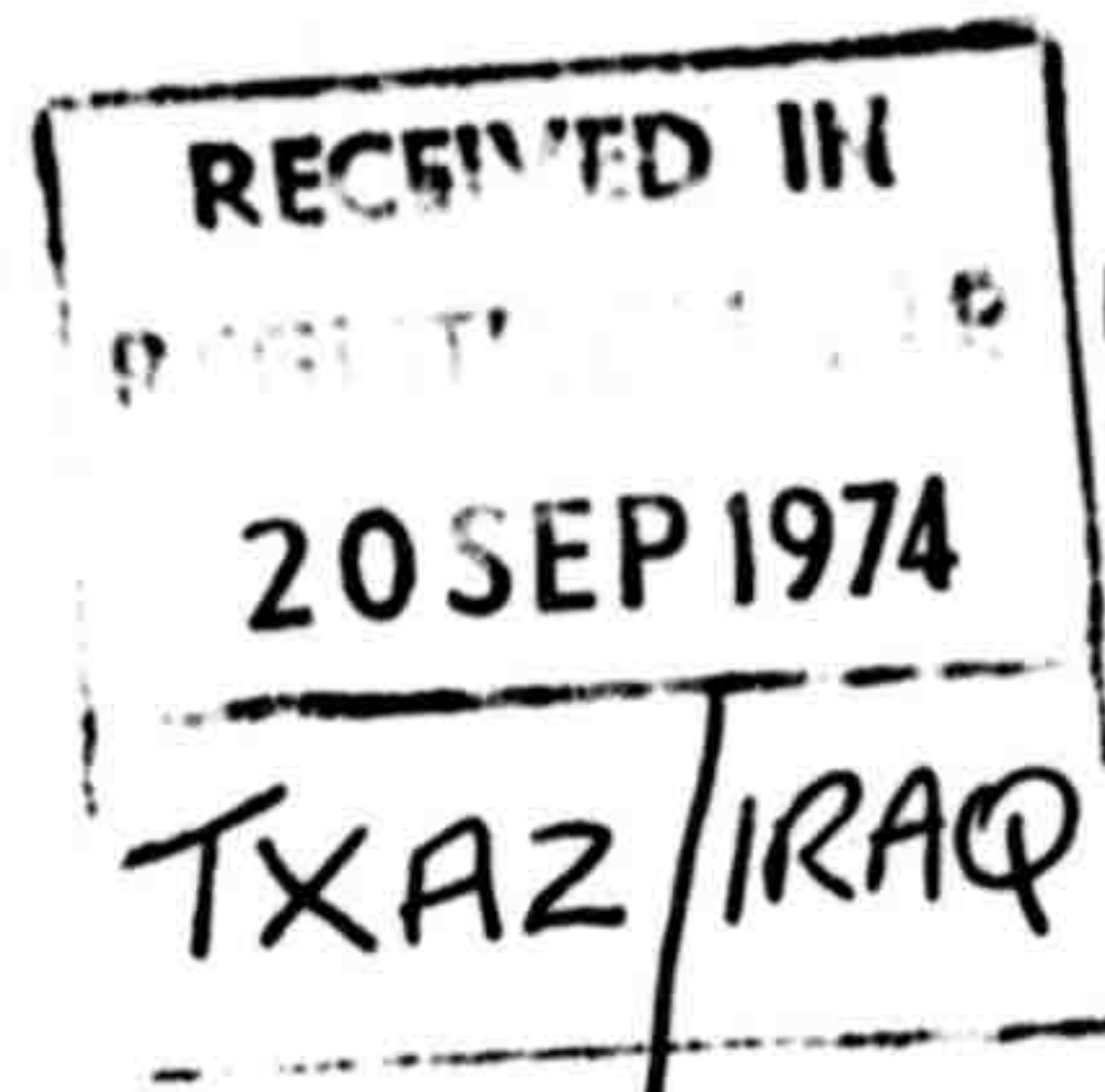
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London 19th Sep 1974

Principal Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
London

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Mr. Barnes 8.

Far from it

Let us discuss.

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Date 20.9.74

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LISTS OF STAFFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
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Embassy

~~High Commission~~

The following alteration has been notified to Her Majesty's
Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

~~His Excellency~~ *MR. SAFA SALIH AL-FALAKI*.....

left London on *19 September 1974*..... on the termination

of his appointment as: *Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

~~* Ambassador E & P from to the Court of
St James's~~

~~* High Commissioner for in London~~

ratification
Pending the ~~arrival~~ of his successor, *Mr. HARETH AL-BARAZANI*.....

will ~~act as~~ be in charge of the current administrative affairs of the

~~* Chargé d'Affaires ad interim~~ *mission.*

~~* Acting High Commissioner~~

~~[* Delete as appropriate]~~

PS.

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE SW1A 2AH

25 September 1974.

Mr. Collins

1. The Iraqi Chargé is leaving London this week. MED are making an appointment for him to see their Head of Department and possibly one of the Under-Secretar
2. This is the first they had heard of Al-Falaki's departure and as they are not very far forward with the appointment of the new Ambassador they are mildly surprised that he should leave at this time. Be this as it may I have asked Mr. Burton (MED) to go over the appointments procedure ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for the new Chargé with Al-Falaki (telegram from Baghdad, Al-Falaki's successor carrying a Letter of Appointment, or whatever).

R.O.B.

(R.O. Barnes)

18 September 1974

Mr. Barnes

*Judging by the H/L note
we have not achieved our aim.*

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Discussed with Mr. Collins. Telegram to Baghdad

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BAGHDAD

18 September 1974

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P K Williams Esq
Middle East Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
LONDON

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W. Bruntjens

*Copy: Mr Collins
P.C. Dept*

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AGREEMENT FOR MR AL YASIN

1. Would you please refer to your letter of 4 September to Ian McCluney about the new Ambassador.
2. When I informed Mr Sheikhly yesterday morning that agreement had been granted (your tel No. 234 of 16 September), I asked about the proper spelling of the new Ambassador's name. He said that it should be "Mr Al Yasin". His forenames are as stated in your telegram under reference, namely "Abdul Malik Ahmad".

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TO PRIORITY BAGHDAD TELNO 240 OF 24 SEPTEMBER, 1974

1. IRAQ EMBASSY HAVE NOTIFIED US BY NOTE OF 19 SEPTEMBER THAT THEIR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES MR. SAFA SALIH AL-FALAKI HAS TERMINATED HIS APPOINTMENT IN LONDON AND THAT MR. HARETH AL-BARAZANI THIRD SECRETARY (CONSULAR AFFAIRS) WILL ACT AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM.
2. IT IS ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE THAT A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IS APPOINTED EITHER BY THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SENDING STATE OR BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT ONE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES CANNOT APPOINT ANOTHER IN HIS OWN ABSENCE.
3. WHILE WE ARE WILLING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH MR. AL-BARAZINI AT HIS OWN LEVEL WE SHOULD PREFER THAT HE SHOULD BE PROPERLY APPOINTED. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE IRAQ GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY YOU FORMALLY OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN LONDON AND NOTIFY US BY TELEGRAM WHEN THEIR NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

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MED

MR CAMPBELL

M. Barner

Can we have a
word please?

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Min. Sec. to see Mr. B/u 1/11/74
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DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OF STAFF - OTHER THAN LOCALLY-ENGAGED STAFF

Name of Mission EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ

Full name and date of birth of member of the Mission	Category*	Designation (and position in London Diplomatic List where appropriate)	Address (and telephone number where appropriate)	Date of		Names and dates of birth of wife and family forming part of household/	Nationality or citizenship of member of the Mission (and of wife and family forming part of household)
				first arrival	final departure		
Mr. Safa Saleh Al-Falaki 1940	a	Charge d' Affaires a.i.	15 Kensington Palace Gardens London W8	September 1973	22.9.74	Mrs. Iftikhar Al-Bashir (Wife of Mr. Safa Al-Falaki) Mazrn - Son Ziyad - Son	Iraqis

- (a) Head of Mission
- (b) Diplomatic Staff
- (c) Administrative and Technical Staff
- (d) Service Staff

/ Applies only to categories (a), (b) and (c)

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(Name of Mission) ... Embassy of the Republic of Iraq

Date 25.9.1974....



Notification of Arrival/Departure of Staff
(other than locally-engaged staff)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency of the arrival/departure
of members of the staff of this Mission as indicated overleaf.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Your obedient Servant,

...Mr. Hareth Al-Barazanchi. (.CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i.)

(Signature of Head or Acting Head of Mission)

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London SW1

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With the Compliments
of the
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- 2) Mr Barnes to see
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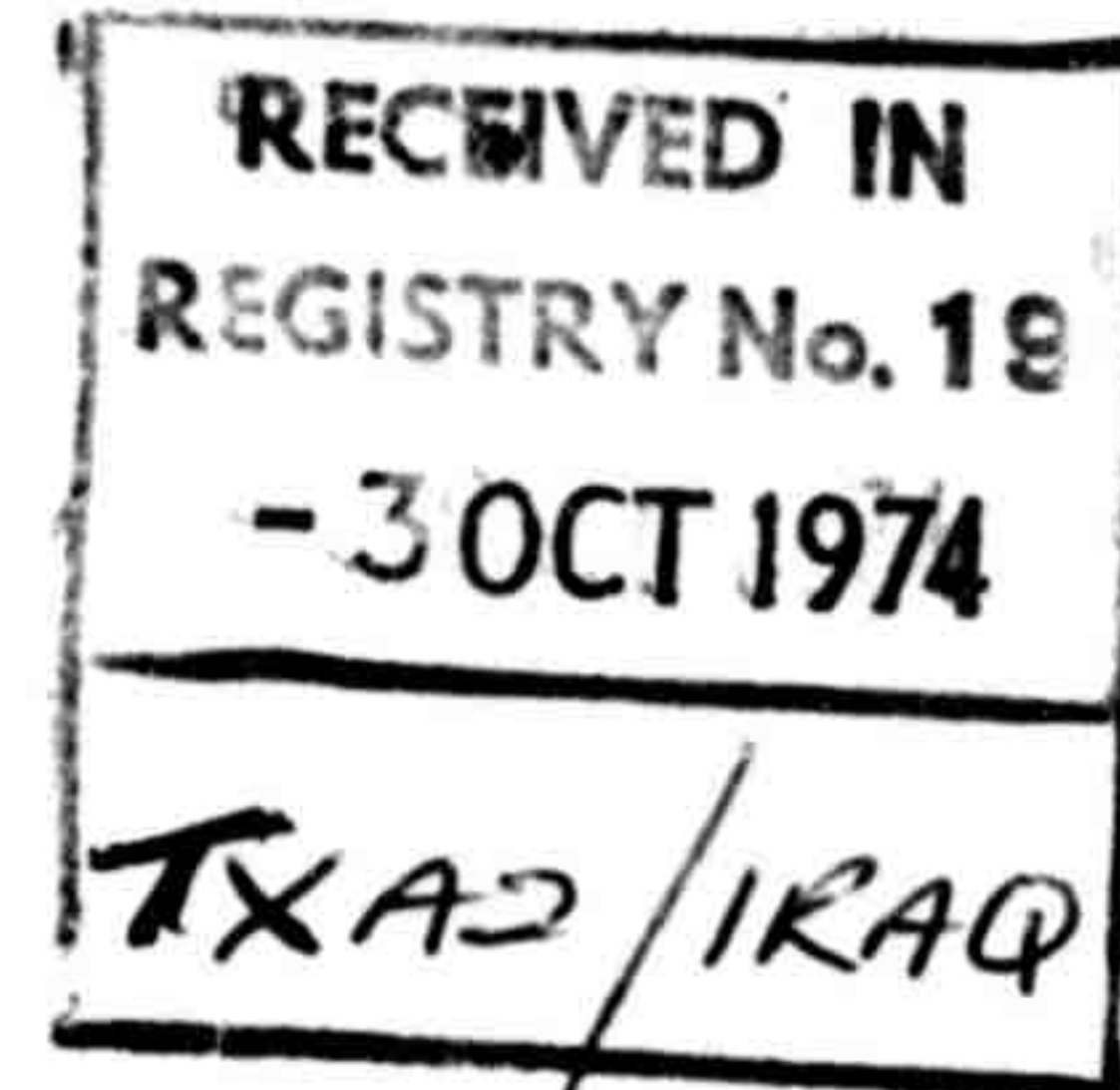
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TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 359 OF 3 OCTOBER, 1974.

YOUR TELNO 240 : ⁽¹⁸⁾IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING NOTE DATED 1 OCTOBER :

''..... AND HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST (THE EMBASSY) TO INFORM THE COMPETENT BRITISH AUTHORITIES THAT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ IN LONDON HAVE ENTRUSTED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EMBASSY'S AFFAIRS TO SAIYIDHARITH SHAKIR AL BARZANCHI, THIRD SECRETARY AT THE EMBASSY, IN AN INTERIM CAPACITY.....''.

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MED

MR WEIR

Miss Starr.

Please amend Residence List.

R. P. R.
4/10/74

List amended.

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Mr. Tarik Ahmed Hamandi 1940 <i>Halil</i>	(a) (b)	Second Secretary	C/O Embassy of the Republic of Iraq 21 Queen's Gate London, S.W.7 584-7141 <i>[Signature]</i>	6/10/74		Mrs. Fadhila Hamendi 1951 Children: Son Mohamed 1971 Daughter Nadia 1972	Iraqis

- (a) Head of Mission
- (b) Diplomatic Staff
- (c) Administrative and Technical Staff
- (d) Service Staff

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The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has the honour to inform them that Mr. Tarik Hamendi, Second Secretary has arrived and taken up his duties at the Embassy as Charge D'affaires a.i.

The Embassy of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 10th October 1974

Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London.



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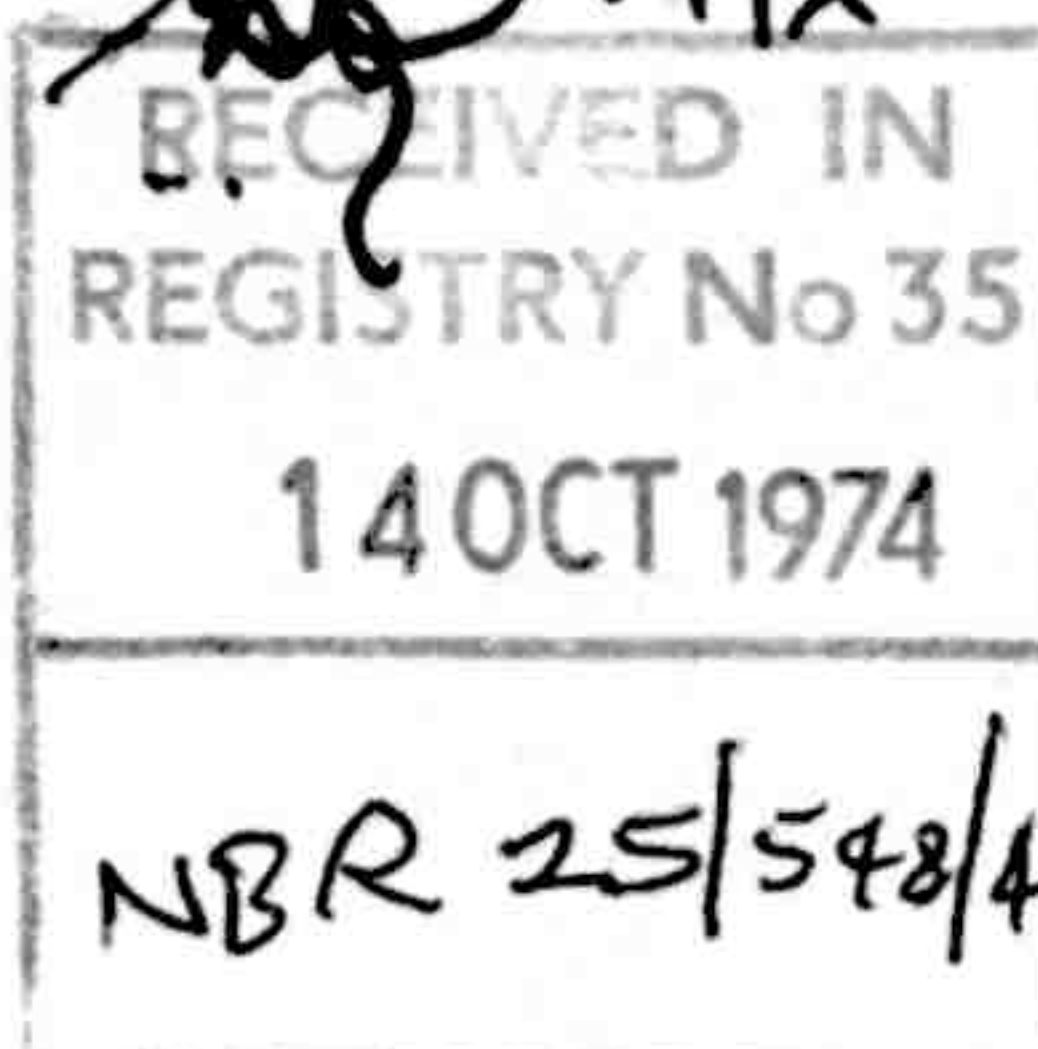
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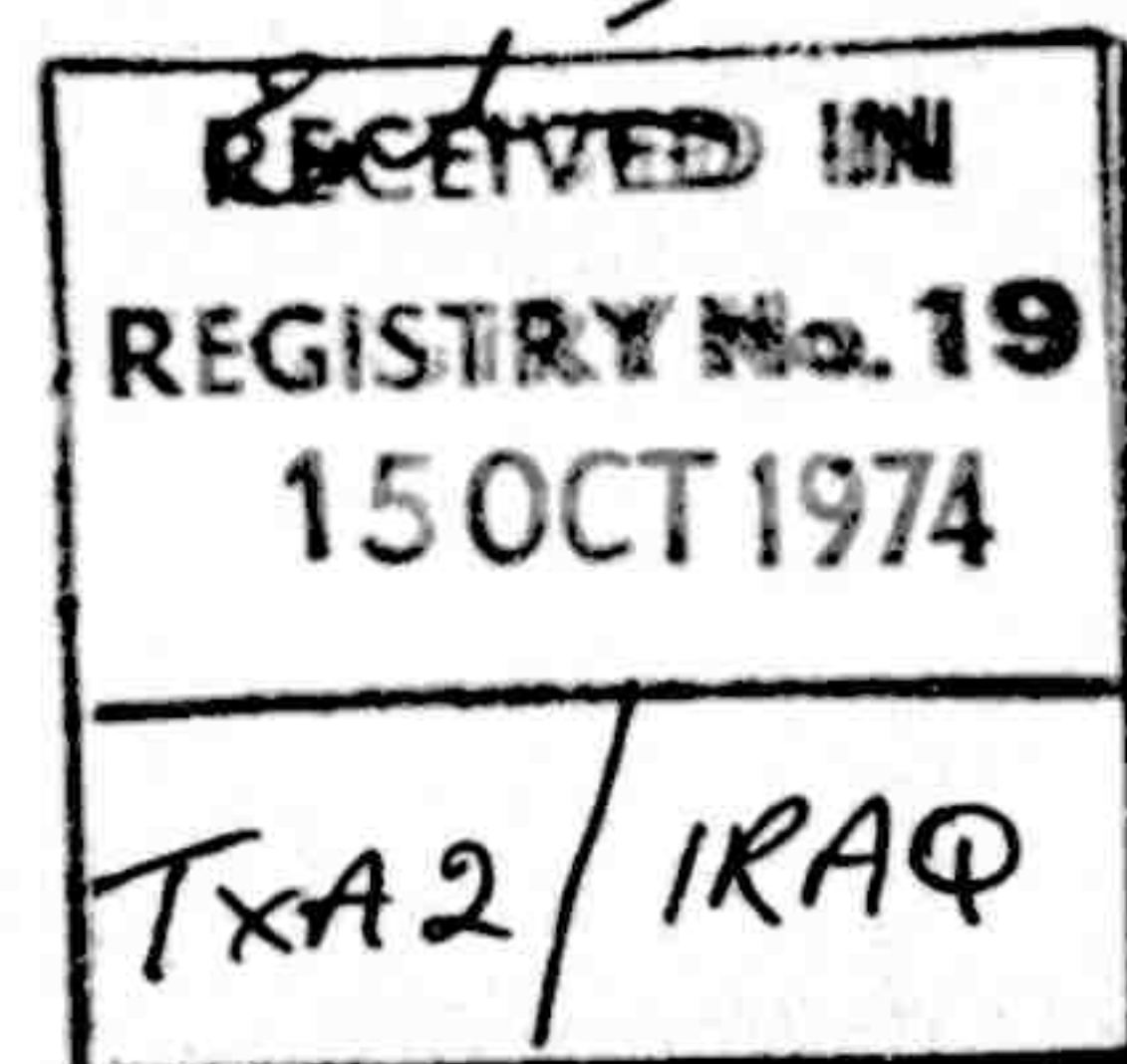
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P K Williams Esq
Middle East Department
FCO



8 October 1974



Dear Peter,

NEW IRAQI AMBASSADOR IN LONDON

1. ^① We exchanged letters on 27 August - and my tel No 273 of 4 September - about the appointment of the Iraqi Ambassador here as Iraqi Ambassador in London.
2. He plans to arrive in London some time between late November and the middle of December. But he has to go to Baghdad at some time during this period.
3. Is it possible for you to let me know whether The Queen has engagements abroad during the last 5 or 6 weeks of this year? The point is that, if there were some State Visit abroad at this time, Abdul Malik could fit his visit to Baghdad accordingly - either before he comes to London, or after he has presented his Letters.
4. I would like to help him on this, as on other things, in the period before his arrival in London, as I am sure you would. Let me know what the prospects are if you can.

Yours ever

John Robinson
(J A Robinson)

Answer to John
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office
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Telephone 01-

His Excellency
Mr J A Robinson CMG
British Embassy
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Your reference

Our reference

Date 15 October 1974

NEW IRAQI AMBASSADOR IN LONDON

Dear Ambassador

I am answering your letter of 8 October under your reference 25/1 addressed to Peter Williams because the subject is my particular responsibility.

The short answer is that as far as I know The Queen will be in London during the last part of November and the first part of December. The helpful answer is inevitably longer: it is clear that Abdul Malik wishes to avoid arriving in London and having to kick his heels waiting for The Queen to return and receive his credentials. That does not happen in London. Provided he lets us (in practice myself) have a Working Copy (the Foreign Secretary's copy) of his credentials immediately on arrival we can process it within two or three days and, provided again that we have no query on the document, we can put him fully in business on the strength of it without more ado. He can then function 100% as an Ambassador while awaiting his Audience to present credentials. When you recall that The Queen is away from London for 2½ months in the summer you will agree that this system is practical and that it is a good thing the Vienna Convention allows us to operate it.

As for forecasting the Audience date itself we cannot do so with any confidence. There are today nine Ambassadors-designate whose arrival plans are unknown to us (and presumably to them too) any of whom may arrive before Abdul Malik and so be received before him.

... I enclose a copy of some informal notes which I prepared in 1972
... and have been revising. The Arabic version may not therefore be quite as full as the English but I hope it will be useful. Both may be handed to Abdul Malik.

cc MED

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In return there are two things Abdul Malik could do which we should much appreciate. The first is to let us have a photograph in advance if he can spare one and the second is to reflect on how he wishes his name to be transliterated into English, e.g. "al" or "Al" with or without a hyphen, single or double letters etc. We use whatever spelling he himself gives us (whatever other writers may say) and we should like to get it right from the outset.

*Yours ever
Geoffrey Collins.*

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TO IMMEDIATE BAGHDAD TELNO 258 OF 15TH OCTOBER 1974.

YRTEL 359: IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD SEEK FURTHER NOTE FROM IRAQI MFA APPOINTING MR. TARIK AHMED HAMANDI TO BE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 7.

2. WE ARE CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH MR. HAMANDI IN THE MEANTIME AND WOULD LIKE TO REGULARISE HIS APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE HAS AGREED THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS APPROACH BECAUSE HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT BAGHDAD BEFORE EID AL-FITR.

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TO IMMEDIATE BAGHDAD TELNO 278 OF 30 OCTOBER.

(24) MY TELNO 258: IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

GRATEFUL EARLY REPLY.

2. HAVE YOU ANY VIEWS ON HAMANDI?

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YOUR TELNO 278 : IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

1. IN THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROTOCOL AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS IN RABAT, WE HAVE HAD NO (NO) SUCCESS IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF HAMANDI'S APPOINTMENT AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. THE DELEGATION ARE EXPECTED BACK OVER THE WEEKEND, WHEN WE WILL RETURN TO THE CHARGE.

2. HAMANDI IS UNKNOWN TO ANYONE HERE.

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Mr Barnes
I should like to get this settled
before The Queen's reception on 27/11
Please pursue. *11/11*

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Notification of Arrival/Departure of Staff
(other than locally-engaged staff)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency of the arrival/departure
of members of the staff of this Mission as indicated overleaf.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Your obedient Servant,



Mr.. T.. Hamendi. Charge .D'affaires .a.i..

(Signature of Head or Acting Head of Mission)

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
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TO IMMEDIATE BAGHDAD TELEGRAM NO. 296 OF 15 NOV 74.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 394 OF 31 OCTOBER.

WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO REGULARISE HAMANDI'S POSITION AS CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES AT VERY EARLY DATE BOTH FOR LEGAL REASONS AND BECAUSE
OF FORTHCOMING RECEPTION BY THE QUEEN.

GRATEFUL THEREFORE FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO OBTAIN FORMAL
NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT.

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TO PRIORITY FCO TEL NO 425 OF 18 NOVEMBER 1974.

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YOUR TEL NO 394 : IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

1. WE HAVE TODAY RECEIVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE FOLLOWING
NOTE DATED 12 NOVEMBER :

''.....AND HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM THEM THAT
SAYID TARIQ HAMANDI, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE
IRAQI EMBASSY IN LONDON, HAS BEEN APPOINTED
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. UNTIL HE THE AMBASSADOR
JOINS THE EMBASSY''

GRAHAM

BT

Mr. Collins to see
Goodbye
NTed

8/19/11

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LISTS OF STAFFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
IN LONDON

IRAQ

Embassy

~~High Commission~~

The following alteration has been notified to Her Majesty's
Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

~~His Excellency the~~ MR. TARIK AHMED HAMANDI

arrived in London on10.10.74.....

to take up his appointment as:

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

~~* Ambassador E & P~~ fromIRAQ..... to the
Court of St James's

~~* The High Commissioner for in London.~~

[* Delete as appropriate]

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TO ROUTINE BAGHDAD TELNO 345 OF 17/12/74.



(TX)

IRAQI AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE.

1. THE IRAQI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES SAID LAST NIGHT THAT YASIN WAS THINKING OF ARRIVING IN LONDON DURING THE COMING FORTNIGHT BUT IN VIEW OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON HE WONDERED IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. WE REPLIED THAT YASIN WOULD BE VERY WELCOME AT WHATEVER DATE AND TIME SUITED HIM BUT THAT (APART FROM EMERGENCIES) IT WAS ALREADY A LITTLE LATE TO ARRANGE CONTACTS BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS AND IN PRACTICE ARRIVAL IN EARLY JANUARY WOULD BE AS EFFECTIVE AS IN LATE DECEMBER.

2. IF YOU ARE IN TOUCH WITH YASIN PLEASE CONFIRM THE ABOVE ADVICE. THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS ARE 25-27 DECEMBER AND 1 JANUARY, SO IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE CONTACTS DURING THE PERIOD 23 DECEMBER TO 5 JANUARY.

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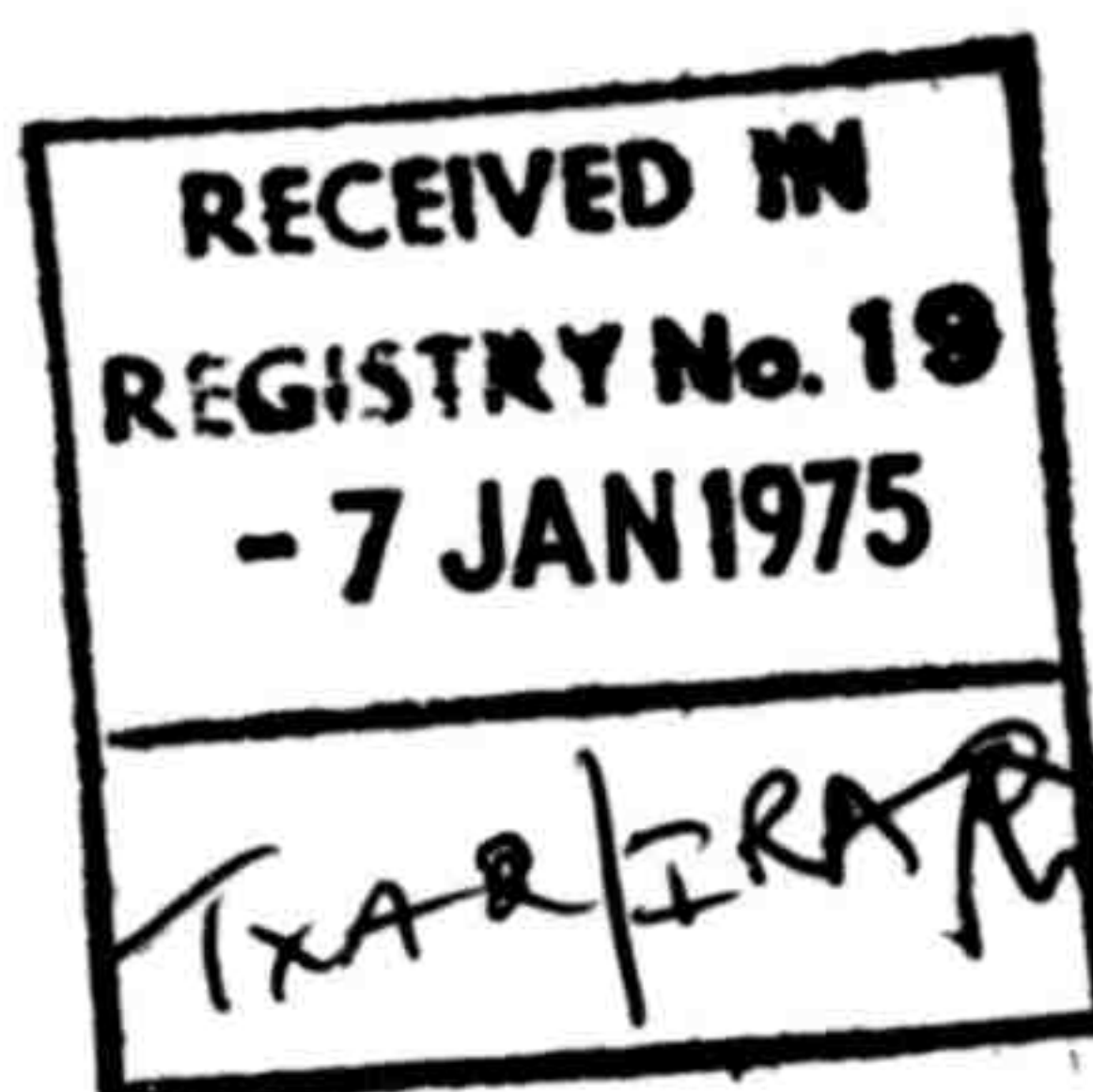
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HON SIR MICHAEL FITZALAN HOWARD
KCVO CB CBE MC
MARSHALL OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS
BUCKINGHAM PALACE

This was agreed with MED before dispatch. Its purpose is to counteract any suggestion by the Iraqi Charge d'Affaires and to steer Yasin towards 6 January (when I shall be back) without appearing to put him off.

*P.A.
Q 18/2*



25/1

BRITISH EMBASSY
BAGHDAD

now 23 December 1974

M S Weir Esq CMG
Assistant Under-Secretary of State
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

copy to PCDC
News Dept.

Mr. Williams
Mr. Burton

My dear Michael,

JG 6/1

ABDUL MALIK AL YASIN - IRAQI AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO LONDON

1. Abdul Malik Al Yasin and his wife came to dinner on 19 December and you may like to have a little note on him. They plan to arrive in London about 10 January.
2. He is a man of 50, related, I am told, in some way to the President. He speaks good English, as does his wife. They are childless and both have a background in education: he was in the Ministry of Education and before that taught Arabic literature (among his pupils was Tariq Aziz, the new Minister of Information) and his wife was an Inspector of schools in Basra where her father was a judge. He left the Ministry of Education in 1963 to serve in London and apart from the Ministry he has since then, as you will know, been Ambassador in Kabul and in Algiers, where he knew John Robinson well.
3. Al Yasin struck me as friendly and level-headed. He accepted readily when I said that there was a burden of suspicion on both our backs and said that he regarded the dispersal of this as his main task. I hope you will like him. I gave him Geoffrey Arthur's name as interested in Arabic literature and I also gave him the names of Tom McCaffrey and Sandy Rendel since I think that one of the most useful things he can do will be to try to win over some of the British press.

LAST PAPER

Yours ever
Jden

P.S. I should perhaps add that one former member of the Iraqi F.S. who knew him in Kabul, cannot bear him, but there were very impressive in the course of an evening.

J A N Graham

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